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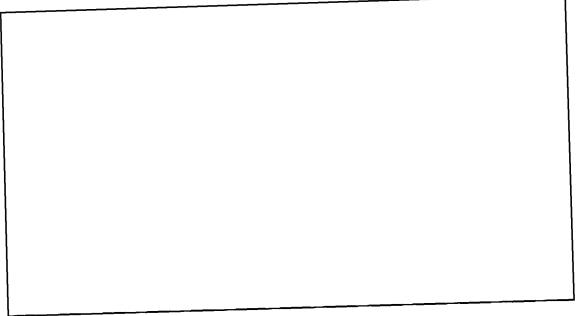
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SAUDI ARABIA IS NEGOTI-SAUDI ARABIA - UK: ATING FOR THE PURCHASE OF JAGUAR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.

THE BRITISH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FRENCH, HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SELL THE SAUDIS AIRCRAFT; DELIVERY MAY BEGIN IN EARLY 1975. NO CONTRACTS HAVE YET BEEN SIGNED AND THE DETAILS OF THE SALE AROUND 30 AIRCRAFT ARE STILL BEING NEGOTIATED. MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTION. THE UK DE-CLINED AN EARLIER BID BY EGYPT TO PURCHASE JAGUARS

THE TWIN-ENGINE MACH-1.7 JAGUAR IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR GROUND ATTACK AND TACTICAL STRIKE AND CAN CARRY

ABOUT 10-000 POUNDS OF BOMBS.

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